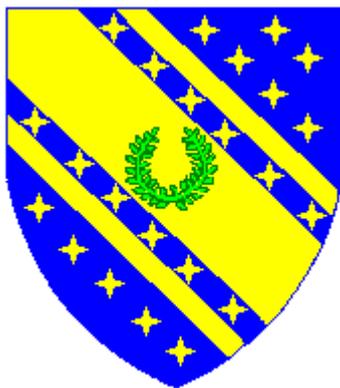


The Sternfeld Star

BARONY OF STERNFELD

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Next Business Meeting: Thursday, May 15, 2014

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

Everyone welcome—No experience necessary!



Poetry Corner

This month's selection is called "I honor you, Oh Warriors". It was written by our own resident bard – Brededelwyn. Do you write poetry? Submit to chronicler@sternfeld.org and you can be published in next month's Star in this space!

I honor you, Oh Warriors,
Who have fought,
Who have battled,
That I may live.

I honor you, Oh Warriors,
With this song
Of my love for your courage,
And live in memory.

I honor you, Oh Warriors,
To the Winds,
To the Sun,
To the Sea,
And the Sacred Earth.

I honor you, Oh Warriors,
Hold your heads high
With pride and respect
For your sacrifice
For all of us.



From Their Excellencies Úlfr and Odile,

Baron and Baroness of Sternfeld

Unto the most wonderful populace of the Barony of Sternfeld, we send greetings!

As you all rightly are aware, the Coronation of Their Highnesses Cameron and Amalie is fast approaching, and our neighboring Shire of Mynydd Seren could use all extra hands to help the event run smoothly! In particular, Sternfeld has collectively promised to ensure that no retainer or royalty room guard shift goes unfilled. There are a few of these shifts left open, and plenty of other opportunities as well. Please, if you have any free time at the event, take a look at <http://www.volunteerspot.com/login/entry/406024898058>.

Similarly, we will be hosting Crown Tournament and Kingdom A&S in our Barony two weeks following Coronation, and could also use your assistance in running the various areas of the event!

<http://www.volunteerspot.com/login/entry/406024898058> is the link for the event staff volunteer positions, while <http://ans.midrealm.org/faire/user/index> will take you to the page to register to judge Kingdom A&S! We are always so proud of the effort our Barony puts forth to be welcoming and to make our events truly spectacular, and we are thrilled to have the opportunity to hold this important two-day event in our lands.

Our local Baronial Birthday celebration is coming up in June, not long after! Although this is a less-formal event, this will be the 30th anniversary of the Barony and we intend to celebrate in style. Look for updates over the next month with information about the armored, rapier, and A&S championships that will be held, and how and when to participate in them. Additionally, we encourage all of you to read over the newest roster and send your Baronial award recommendations to us at <http://midrealm.org/sternfeld/awards.php>.

As the summer season of camping events begins, we would like to remind all our populace that you are welcome to set up day camps with us at events we attend. We welcome the chance to travel with our Barony! In April, we will be attending Grand Tournament of the Unicorn and Blackstone Raids, and in May our schedule includes Coronation, Border Raids, and Crown Tournament / Kingdom A&S. It is also time to start planning ahead for Pennsic! Please make inquiries if you are interested in camping with the Barony at war, and we can put you in touch with the camp organizational structure.

The war-horn calls in the distance, and change is in the air. Ready yourselves!

Odile, Baroness Úlfr, Baron



From the Seneschal

Greetings!

I don't have much to say this month, except a huge "Thank You" to all the event stewards, department heads, and volunteers. We have a very busy Spring and Summer ahead of us, with 5 nearby events, three of them our own (Coronation, Crown, CAD, Baronial Birthday, and Simple Day-- Pennsic I'm ignoring because I do not want to be reminded of all the sewing in my future), plus all the practices, demos, and interest group meetings that foster growth and education. Our neighbors' flourish, and we do too, because we all pitch in and help out wherever there's a need.

If you haven't volunteered already, or you'd like to volunteer more, it's even easier now. Go to sternfeld.org and click the big button with the check mark on it. You'll be whisked off to our Group Page on VolunteerSpot, where you can sign up for volunteer shifts for upcoming events or donate items for Largesse. Better helium hand through technology.

Yours in service,

Lady Ysabel de la Zarza



From the Chronicler/Webminister

Buon Giorno,

This month I spent much of my “officer time” working on cleaning up my documents and simplifying my processes. I’ve completed a full audit of the Baronial Website, and have obtained updated information from all but two special interest groups. I’ve also worked to merge the information about those groups so that the information on the website and the information in the Star should match going forward – there were activities that appeared in one location but not the other.

I’ve also completed a template for the Star, which I will keep updating as officers/activities change over time, which will make assembling the Star each month much easier.

Thank you to those of you who read last month’s Star and responded to my request for contact – I heard from seven people. Looking at our web stats, it appears only 28 people went to check out the Star this month – and I know who seven of them are. I also probably account for 2-3 of those visits myself. I’m going to work to more thoroughly publicize when each issue has been published so that people are aware it is out there.

Updates to the Crown Tournament site are ongoing. Sites coming soon for Baronial Birthday and Simple Day, just as soon as I have information for those events. We’ve got a lot going on – make sure to volunteer to help out at our upcoming events as many hands makes lighter work for all of us.

I again welcome any submissions of artwork, photos, poetry, stories, research, etc!

YIS,

Antonio Bellini

Calendar

--Local (**in bold text**) and selected events only—
--See locations for **local events** later in this publication--

May 2014

1 Gilded Costumers

3 Coronation of Cameron and Amalie {Shire of Mynydd Seren}
[Martinsville, IN]

6 Fighter Practice

7 Archery Practice / Reading Night (Separate Locations)

9-10 St. Cecilia at the Tower III {Barony of Cynnabar} [Ann Arbor, MI]

10 May Day at Fenix {Barony of Fenix} [Union, KY]

Mugmort Melees IX {Shire of Mugmort} [Granville, OH]

11 Equestrian Practice

13 Fighter Practice

14 Archery Practice / Dead Languages Club (Separate Locations)

15 Business Meeting

16-18 Battle of the Inland Seas XX {Shire of Altenberg} [Ray, MI]

Border Raids {Barony of the Flame} [Elizabethtown, KY]

Constellation Academy of Defense VII {Shire of Mynydd Seren}

[Spencer, IN]

18 Cooks Guild

20 Fighter Practice

21 Archery Practice / Reading Night (Separate Locations)

24-25 The Crown Tournament of Cameron and Amalie and Kingdom A&S Faire

27 Fighter Practice

28 Archery Practice / Reading Night (Separate Locations)

30-1 Chaos at the Castle {Shire of Greyhope} [LaPorte, IN]

Death and Taxes {Canton of Dun Traigh} [Holland, MI]

31 Squires' Tournament {Canton of Ealdnorwuda} [East Lansing, MI]

June 2014

1 Equestrian Practice

3 Fighter Practice

4 Archery Practice / Reading Night (Separate Locations)

5 Gilded Costumers

6-8 Northern Oaken War Maneuvers XVIII {Barony of the Cleftlands} [Wellington, OH]

8 Run For Your Life the Saxons Are Coming {Canton of Brackendelve} [Beverly Hills, MI]

10 Fighter Practice

11 Archery Practice / Dead Languages Club (Separate Locations)

12 English Country Dance

13-15 Baronial Border War XXXI {Canton of Rimsholt} [Ionia, MI]

Border Skirmish {Shire of Ravenslake and Barony of Caer Antherth Mawr} [Elkhorn, WI]

Push for Pennsic {The Canton of Hawkes Keye} [Lebanon, OH]

The Seventh Bardic Roundhouse {Barony of the Cleftlands} [Homeworth, OH]

13-22 Lilies War (Kingdom of Calontir) [Smithville, MO]

15 Cooks Guild and Beginners Bardic

17 Fighter Practice

18 Archery Practice / Reading Night (Separate Locations)

19 Business Meeting

20-22 Baron Wars {Marche of the Marshes} [Perrysburg, OH]

Ragnarok Rampage {Barony of Carraig Ban} [Big Rock, IL]

24 Fighter Practice

25 Archery Practice / Reading Night (Separate Locations)

27-29 Mayhem IV {Shire of Aurea Ripae} [Philpot, KY]

Siege of Talonval {Shire of Talonval} [Leslie, MI]

Swine and Roses {Barony of White Waters} [Elkhart, IN]



From the Minister of Arts and Sciences

Greetings unto the gentles of our fair barony!

I was thrilled to see that all of the entries to the Constellation A&S fair qualified for Kingdom. What a testament to the quality of our artisans!

I that spirit this month's artisan in the spotlight is..... Svyetlost Vladimir Igorevich Zholtov!

Vlad is a 16th century Russian who saw the face of war in Ivan Groznii's siege of Kazan. Since then he has dedicated his time to academia and the gourmand's art. He is apprenticed to Mistress Wulfwen atte Belle of the Middle Kingdom and squired to Duke Artan MacAilin of the Outlands.

Vlad is a Companion of the Order of the Flower (Outlands). He is the Academic Champion of the College of Blaiddwyn as well as an Iron Chef Outlands. In his fighting days he was named Most Brutal Pit Fighter in the Outlands.

Vlad's main areas of interest are in cooking, feast preparation, and charcuterie

You may be familiar with Vlad's work from the feast for Fall Crown Tournament 2013. He also is conducting some research on coarse air dried sausage as well as cold smoking.

Vlad loves to cook and eat good food. He was tired of feasts getting a bad rap for blandness, poorly prepared, cold food that played into all the stereotypes as well as was displeasing to the modern palette. His goal is to prepare food that is both pleasing to the modern palette and that reflects or reproduces period food. He loves to work an event menu to a theme. Recently he has taken an interest in food preservation especially pickling and charcuterie.

Vlad has been cooking nearly his entire life. He did his first SCA cooking in 1994 when he assisted THL Sabia with an event at the College of Blaiddwyn in the Outlands. Since then he has participated in or been in charge of over 50 feasts ranging in size from 30 to 450 seats.

When asked what advice he would give to someone starting an adventure in the culinary arts is to:

"Volunteer in as many feast kitchens as you can. You will see the flow of a kitchen, the time each dish takes and the stress that can go along with a feast. If they still want in then begin reading period recipes and testing them at home. Also concentrate on learning about food safety, temperatures, cross

contamination and allergens. Nothing is worse than making someone sick with your food.”

Vlad has been impressed by Mistress Wulfwen atte Belle with her skill and attention to period recipes. He states that her work inspired him to ask to become her apprentice in order that he could take his work to that next level.

In the Outlands, the Chef's Guild of Caerte provided a lot for Vlad to admire in terms of skill and striking the balance between period and edible. Duke Artan has displayed all of the qualities of a peer that he aspires to and has given him guidance to temper himself.

In terms of cooking, Vlad loves to read Escoffier, Julia Child, Gordon Ramsey and Michael Ruhlman. The Domostroi of medieval Russia has also been a huge inspiration to his SCA cooking and feast preparation. Outside of that he is most inspired by John Churchill, First Duke of Marlborough and Alexander Suvorov, Generalissimo of the Russian Empire; Commanders who never lost a battle and who both proved that with strength of character, skill at negotiation and proper planning there is no obstacle that cannot be overcome.

If you know of an artisan that is producing great work, let me know. Be sure to let them know! We love to hear feedback on our labors of love. Even better yet, recommend them for an award.

Keep at making great stuff. I am so awed by our artisans that I cannot even put it into words. Each and every one of you deserves a pat on the back!

If you need something, please feel free to ask. If I don't know, I will make every attempt to find someone to answer your question.

In your service,

Duncan



Emergency Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Barony of Sternfeld – Emergency Finance Committee Meeting - 04/01/2014

Sahm Park fee/contract are needed prior to our next official business meeting. Primitive site has no water access, so as per first polling, the "executive" building has been reserved (this is the area with more amenities and less outdoor space).

Second polling passed unanimously.



April Business Meeting Minutes

Barony of Sternfeld – Business Meeting - 04/16/2014

Baronial - Mynnd Seren is doing Coronation coming up and we are going to be providing guards for the Royalty Room. There are three unfilled shifts remaining. Retainer shifts were filled! Thanks to all who are participating. We are hosting Crown Tournament soon. Please volunteer early and often. In June we have the 30th Anniversary of the Barony. We will be selecting our next Armored and Rapier champions at that event. We have camping coming up soon. Please make inquiries about Pennsic early.

Great Officers and Their Deputies

Seneschal - Thanks for being awesome!

Chatelaine - Had 3 or 4 new people at the last fighter practice. Thanks for being friendly to them.

Herald - We need voice heralds Saturday and Sunday for Crown announcements. The Tourney has a primary herald - if interested in helping, see the info on the front page of the event website. The Equestrian activities also need heralds. Thanks in advance for helping out with this.

Chronicler - March Star was published. April Star will be published soon. If you send a submission, please use the permission form to grant rights to publish in the Star and on the website - that's the minimum needed to publish.

Exchequer - Things are going fine.

Property Master - No report this month.

Armored Combat - We are having fighter practice and some new people including children are coming to practice.

Rapier Combat - We continue to have practice.

Archery Combat - Sixteen people including five children and some new people to the SCA.

Youth Combat - Youth combat practice is coming soon.

Equestrian - Had practice recently. No new people. Total of six attended the most recent practice. Encourage people to come. There will be activities at Coronation and Crown Tournament!

Chirurgion - No report.

Arts and Sciences - If you haven't signed up to judge at Crown Tournament, we always need more judges and you get free lunch.

Ars Rustica - Chicks and seeds are arriving, including duck eggs.

Cooks - Cooks meeting is later than usual this month by a week due to Easter.

Brewers - Hiatus.

Costumers - People are continuing to make garb.

Largesse - Nothing currently.

Bardic/Performing Arts - Will be happening at Cooks this month.

Lesser Offices

Web Minister - Event listings on the website/Sternfeld list/Sternfeld Star have been updated. All three should match. You'll see a lot of new calendar reminders.

Minister of Youth - Youth activities are being planned for upcoming events.

Prize Czar - If you need prizes, let the Prize Czar know for your upcoming events.

Recent and Upcoming Events

Crown - May 24th and 25th, Autocrats: Wulfwen/Moira. There will be TONS of activities at Crown - Martial, Dancing, Etc. Please prereg on ACCEPS. The feast menu and ingredients are posted to the website. Please use crown@sternfeld.org for communication with the autocrats. There's also a Facebook Group. Camping prereg can be done via the form on the website - this includes RV spaces. Judges lunch - a budget of \$300 is requested by Odette to provide the Judges' Lunch. A motion to approve this request was approved and will be voted on a second time next month.

Baronial Birthday - June 7th, Steward: Austorga. At Sahm Park. The current A&S Champion has asked to defend her title, so is not designing the competition. Since this is the 30th anniversary, it should be special! We cannot be rained out, as we have an internal site. Sahm Park is the location of our first event as a group.

Simple Day - No updates this month.

Demos - a request was received to help Cuil Collum with a demo. We'd like two fighters for Friday the 25th of April.



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- ❖ **FIGHTER PRACTICE** - Every Tuesday, 6:30-9 pm. **Krannert Family Center, 605 S. High School Road.** Contact Seneschal Lady Ysabel (Aimee Formo), Seneschal@Sternfeld.org.
- ❖ **BUSINESS MEETING** - Third Thursdays, 6:45-9 pm. **St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 2601 E. Thompson Road.** Contact Seneschal Lady Ysabel (Aimee Formo), Seneschal@Sternfeld.org.
- ❖ **DEAD LANGUAGES CLUB** - Second Wednesdays, 7-9 pm. Master John and Mistress Leanore's house, 1626 Marlborough Lane. Contact Master John & Mistress Leanore (John & Ellie Wright), 317-872-7216, elliepel@aol.com.
- ❖ **OPEN HOUSE/READING NIGHTS** - Every Wednesday, 7-9 pm. Master John and Mistress Leanore's house, 1626 Marlborough Lane. Contact Master John and Mistress Leanore (John and Ellie Wright), 317-872-7216, elliepel@aol.com.
- ❖ **COOKS' GROUP** - Third Sundays, 3-7 pm. Location varies. Contact Lady Brigide at (317) 989-3335 to confirm time, place, and attendance. Alternating months also include a "Beginner's Bardic".
- ❖ **ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE** - second Thursday of the month on alternating months (February, April, June, August, October, December). Held at Garfield Park Arts Center 2432 Conservatory Dr Indianapolis, IN 46203 from 6:30 to 8:30. Contact Lady Colette (317) 456-2099 with questions.
- ❖ **EQUESTRIAN PRACTICE** – meets monthly, but schedule varies. See details at <http://www.midrealm.org/sternfeld/equestrian.php/>
- ❖ **ARCHERY PRACTICE** – Every Wednesday, 7:00-9:00 PM. **4375 Sellers St.** Contact Lady Ilza (Rachel Randall), Archery@Sternfeld.org.
- ❖ **OPEN BARDIC CIRCLES AND RANDOM POST-REVELS** - scheduled sporadically but enthusiastically. Contact Lady Floriania (Daisy Roberts Blair), 317-280-1930, or Lady Lucia (Kathi Coutinho), 317-293-0983.
- ❖ **GILDED COSTUMERS** - First Thursdays (& occasional weekends), 7-9 pm. Various locations. Contact THL Odette (Paula Ryan), 317-996-4630, odettedamboise@gmail.com.
- ❖ **YOUTH COMBAT** – Currently on hiatus but returning soon. Watch <http://www.midrealm.org/sternfeld/youth.php> for updates.

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